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Claim Amendments

1. (currently amended) A single ply of a sheet molding composite sheet prior to compaction used for making composite parts having an improved surface characteristics comprising:

an upper carrier film layer;

a first resin paste layer;

a plurality of chopped unfilamentized fibers;

a resin impregnated chopped and filamentized fiber layer; and

a bottom carrier film layer wherein said single ply is compacted, and wherein said plurality of chopped unfilamentized fibers form a resin impregnated unfilamentized fiber layer after the single ply of the sheet molding composite sheet is compacted.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The sheet molding composite sheet of claim 1, wherein the composition of the resin component of said first resin paste layer and said resin impregnated chopped and filamentized fiber layer comprises a polyester resin.

4. (currently amended) The sheet molding compound of claim 3, wherein said composition of said first resin paste layer and said resin impregnated chopped and filamentized fiber layer further comprises fillers, a resin inhibitor and initiator, an alkaline earth oxide, and an internal mold release agent.